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TITLE: PLAYING AREA MODULE COMPRISING SEVERAL ELASTICALLY DEFORMABLE PANELS MAINTAINED IN A CURVED CONFIGURATION, AND CORRESPONDING PANEL

Preliminary Amendment: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A module intended to equip a playing area, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising:

at least two panels; ~~(1)~~ substantially of ~~the~~ a shape of a parallelogram, said two panels ~~(1)~~ being ~~made~~ comprised of an elastically deformable material allowing ~~them to~~ shift from a configuration in which said two panels ~~(1)~~ define a plane to a configuration wherein ~~they~~ said two panels have a curved surface, and inversely, ~~and in that~~ said two panels ~~(1)~~ ~~have~~ having, proximate to each of the ends; of at least one of the edges, at least two orifices;

at least one ~~so-called~~ assembling orifice ~~(16)~~, enabling the installation of a removable fixing means for assembling together said two panels ~~(1)~~ and ~~for~~ maintaining ~~them~~ said two panels in said configuration wherein said two panels have a curved surface;

at least one ~~so-called~~ ground-fixing orifice ~~(15)~~, enabling installation of assembling means of said two panels with a ground-fixing means of said module.

2. (Currently amended) The module according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said orifices ~~(15), (16)~~ are distributed across said two panels ~~(1)~~ such that said two panels have at least one axis of symmetry.

3. (Currently amended) Module according to ~~either of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein said two panels (1) have three ground-fixing orifices (15) proximate to each of ~~their corners~~ corner thereof.

4. (Currently amended) The module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein said two panels (1) ~~also have~~ further comprise at least two assembling orifices (16) provided at a mid-position between two corners of said two panels (1).

5. (Currently amended) The module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein said removable fixing means have at least one of the means belonging to the following group:

bolt (41)/ nut (42);

elastically deformable hook (51);

snap-on means.

6. (Currently amended) Module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein said ground-fixing means have at least one of the means belonging to the following group:

at least one support (71) cooperating with a counterweight;

at least one hook (62) intended to penetrate the ground at least partially.

7. (Currently amended) Module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~ it includes Claim 1, further comprising:

at least one target-forming element (200) comprising at least two orifices (201) to be traversed said fixing means, said at least two orifices (201) enabling variation of the position of said target (200) on said module.

8. (Currently amended) Module according to claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said one or several targets (200) are intercalated between two of said panels (1).

9. (Currently amended) Module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~
Claim 1, wherein said module has a section matching at least one of the shapes belonging to the following group:

circle;
triangle;
square;
rectangle;
pentagon;
hexagon.

10. (Currently amended) Module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~
Claim 1, wherein said two panels (1) are ~~made~~ comprised of polypropylene copolymer.

11. (Currently amended) Panel (1) intended to integrate a module according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 1 to 10, characterized in that it is~~ Claim 1, being substantially of the shape of a parallelogram,
~~said panel~~ being ~~made~~ comprised of an elastically deformable material allowing ~~it to~~ shift from a
configuration in which said panel defines a plane to a configuration in which said panel has a curved
surface, and inversely, ~~and in that~~ said panel ~~has~~ having, proximate to each of the ends of at least one
of its edges, at least two orifices:

at least one so-called assembling orifice ~~(16)~~, for installation of removable fixing
means for assembling together said panel with another panel of the same type, and for maintaining
them in said configuration wherein said panels have a curved surface;

at least one so-called ground-fixing orifice ~~(15)~~, for positioning assembling means
of said panel with ground-fixing means of said module.